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## House Resolution

No. 47

**Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández**

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House Resolution No. 47—Relative to National Tradesworker Day.

- 1 WHEREAS, National Tradesworker Day should be recognized
- 2 each year on the third Friday of September, providing an
- 3 opportunity to honor and express our appreciation of our nation's
- 4 skilled men and women in the building and construction trades
- 5 and other crafts whose hard work allows our modern society to
- 6 thrive; and
- 7 WHEREAS, These men and women contribute greatly to our
- 8 state's infrastructure, enable cities to grow, provide for a better
- 9 quality of life in their communities, and create economic

1 development that assists California in maintaining one of the largest  
2 and most diverse economies in the world; and

3 WHEREAS, Construction is dangerous and laborious work, and  
4 the men and women of the California building and construction  
5 trades have fought many legislative, regulatory, and electoral  
6 battles to strengthen and protect workers' health and safety and  
7 fair local wage standards by establishing prevailing wages on  
8 public works projects. These achievements have produced one of  
9 the strongest sets of worker protection laws for the industry in the  
10 entire country; and

11 WHEREAS, Workers and their employers, through  
12 long-established partnerships, have created an apprenticeship  
13 system that invests approximately \$100 million annually to train  
14 the next generation of skilled workers through state-approved  
15 apprenticeship programs. These programs have the most rigorous  
16 standards in the country, graduating roofers, bricklayers, plumbers  
17 and pipefitters, elevator constructors, laborers, carpenters,  
18 boilermakers, cement masons, insulators, electricians, iron workers,  
19 operating engineers, sheet metal workers, teamsters, painters, and  
20 others; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite the worst recession since the Great  
22 Depression, the construction industry continues to provide young  
23 men and women with an opportunity for a rewarding career in  
24 construction with access to apprenticeship programs. These  
25 programs graduate 92 percent of the state's apprenticeship  
26 graduates, including 95 percent of all women graduates and 92  
27 percent of all minority graduates; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
29 Assembly recognizes September 19, 2014, as National  
30 Tradesworker Day, remembers the building and construction  
31 tradesworkers whom we have lost in the process of developing  
32 California and our nation, and honors those who work to ensure  
33 civilized life is possible for all of our residents; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
35 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.